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Rev. A. Jones ... 206 E. Boundary St., Charlotte, N. C.

Licentiates.

Bro. A. M. Gregory .....
Bro. P. R. Surratt .....
Bro. L. F. Benton .....
Bro. G. G. Lineberger .....

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Rev. J. O. Russell, R. 2, Box 97, Rock Hill, S. C.
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Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B., S. T. B., Spindale, N. C.
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Rev. E. A. Stewart, 446 Hall St., Rock Hill, S. C.
Rev. W. H. Davidson, D. D., R. 10, B 71a, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Boyce, Bessemer City, N. C.

Rev. Robert Morrow.
Rev. A. H. Levant, Box 473, Gaffney, S. C.
Rev. M. L. Davidson, R. 6, Box 63, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. W. M. McCauley, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. S. N. Davidson, Monroe, N. C.
Rev. P. Wallace, R. 10, Box 69, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. T. M. Barber, R. 10, Box 71c, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. A. J. Hopkins, Dallas, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Anderson, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. R. D. Harris, 505 E. Boundary St., Charlotte, N. C.

Roll Of Delegates.

Mt. Olive	Bros. S. J. Graham and S. J. Wilson
Mt. Carmel	Bros. G. G. Glenn and W. M. Grier
Gethsemane	Bro. W. M. Worthy
Mt. Hebron	Bro. E. W. Reed
Fancy Hill	Rev. D. A. Davidson
Mt. Pleasant	Bro. J. S. Reid
Chapel Hill	Sister Sofa Harris
Mt. Calvary	Bro. H. L. Robins
Bethel	Bro. B. J. Brown
St. Phillips	Bro. A. B. Berry
Salem	Rev. W. M. McCauley
Galilee	Bro. H. E. Massey
Smithfield	Bro. M. W. Wallace
Springfield	Bro. M. A. Conner
Pleasant Grove	Bros. J. W. Floyd and A. McKnights
St. Paul	Bro. J. D. Davis
Gold Hill	Bro. J. M. McKins
Mt. Sinai	Bro. Josephus Rozzell
Mt. Pisgah	Bro. H. M. Stenson
Mt. Moriah	Bro. E. S. Leeper
Macadonia	Bro. A. P. Sanders
Shady Grove	Rev. J. W. Boyce
Mt. Moriah (Matthews, N. C.)	Rev. J. H. Watkins

COMMITTEES.

Time and Place—One Delegate from Each Church. J. W. McKins, Chairman.

Education—R. J. Davidson, J. W. Boyce, E. A. Stewart, J. M. McKins, Hemp Stephenson.

Temperance—W. M. McCauley, J. E. Abernathy, G. G. Glenn, Walter Reid, R. C. Morrow.

Corresponding Messengers: J. M. McKins, R. C. Morrow,

W. M. McCauley, J. H. Ingram, Walter Reid.
Appropriation—J. D. Massey, M. A.C onner, W. M. Grier, M. W. Wallace, T. M. Barber.
Resolutions—C. W. Johnson, M. L. Davidson, P. Wallace, A. J. Hopkins, M. W. Wallace.
Enrollment—E. A. Stewart, D. A. Davidson, J. D. Berry.
New Churches—J. F. Rozzelle, H. L. Robins, A. B. Berry, T. H. Harris, Andy McKnight.
Organization—T. M. Barber, John Jackson, H. E. Massey, W. A. Conner, —. O. Russell.

HONOR ROLL.

Bro. A. P. Sanders	$ 2.00
Rev. J. W. Boyce	2.00
Bro. H. E. Massey	1.00
Bro. E. W. Reid	1.50
Rev. M. L. Davidson	1.00
Rev. W. M. Conner	1.00
Rev. S. N. Davidson	.50
Bro. Jim Culp	.25
Bro. P. R. Surratte	.50
Rev. R. D. Harris	2.00
Bro. J. J. Anderson	2.00
Bro. J. M. McKins	1.00
Bro. G. G. Glenn	1.00
Bro. J. S. Reid	2.00
Bro. Walter Wallace	.50
Rev. W. H. Davidson	2.00
Bro. W. M. Grier	.50
Rev. J. D. Massey	2.00
Bro. John McCullough	.25
Bro. Matthew Wallace	2.00
Bro. J. P. Wilson	.25
Rev. E. A. Stewart	2.00
Bro. J. W. Floyd	2.00
Bro. A. McKnight	.50
Bro. George Smith	1.25
Bro. O. B. Berry	2.00
Bro. O. P. Sanders	2.00
Bro. J. D. Davis	1.00
Bro. J. F. Rozzelle	1.00
Bro. B. J. Broom	1.00
Bro. W. M. Worthy	2.00
Rev. T. M. Barber	1.00

Sister Wright	.25
Sister Hudson	.25
S. J. Graham	.25
Bro. Boyce Black	.25
Sister McCree	.25

PROCEEDINGS.

The Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association met with the Smithfield Baptist church September 10, 1924, Rev. T. M. Barber, pastor.

The Proceedings opened at 7:30 P. M., with praise service conducted by Bros. Matthew Wallace and H. E. Massey.

Hymn No. 293, "Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee." Scripture lesson was read from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Prayer was then offered by Bro. H. E. Massey. Second Hymn No. 231, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," after which prayer was offered by Brother Matthew Wallace.

The President then came forward and in a very concise way made some very helpful and befitting introductory remarks. After which the speaker of the hour, Rev. E. A. Stewart, was introduced by the President, Rev. R. D. Harris.

Rev. Stewart with his alternate, Rev. J. O. Russell, ascended the rostrum. Rev. Russell lined hymn, 559, "Go Preach My Gospel," etc.

Rev. Stewart read for a Scripture lesson Judges 7th chapter, after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. O. Russell. Second hymn, No. 490, "I Am Not Ashamed to Own My Lord," etc., was sung.

Rev. Stewart then arose and announced his text Judges 7th chapter, 21st verse, "And they stood every man in his place around about the camp."

The speaker seemed to be at his best and preached a soul-stirring sermon. We were made to examine ourselves and ask ourselves the question: Are we standing in our place? Are we doing our best? Then was sung that most beautiful song, "Since Jesus came into My Heart." After which prayer was offered by Rev. E. W. Johnson.

Then Bros. H. E. Massey and A. McKnight lifted a collection to the amount of $5.30.

Benediction by Rev. J. O. Russell.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Praise service was conducted by Bros. J. W. Floyd and J. P. Jackson. First hymn, No. 125, "The Son of God in Tears," etc. Scripture lesson, Matthew 27th chapter, was read. Prayer was then offered by Bro. J. P. Jackson. Second hymn, No. 161, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," etc. Prayer was then offered by Rev. D. A. Davidson.

The President then came forward, and before announcing the house ready for business, made a brief but pointed talk from the subject, "Punctuality." He said in part punctuality is the mother of success and that we must know how, when and where to stop. After which the house was opened for business.

The minutes of the previous session were called for, read and adopted.

Time having arrived for the welcome exercise, Rev. T. M. Barber, pastor, came forward and in a most delightful way, extended a most hearty welcome to the ministers, delegates and friends. We were all made to feel welcome. Rev. A. J. Hopkins then responded to this most hearty welcome. He said in part, we will do our best to prove to the church and community that we are a body of Christian men and women.

Time for the enrollment of delegates and ministers arrived. The amount of $23.50 was raised.

The report of the executive committee was read and adopted. (See report.)

Echoes from the field were then called for.

The brethren reported favorable success in their fields of labor. Some in their reports said that they were in the midst of their revivals and their prospects for soul-winning were very bright.

Visitors were then introduced. Several came forward and said many helpful things. After which Revs. C. A. Johnson and P. Wallace called a collection to the amount of $5.05.

Benediction by Rev. A. Norris.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Praise service was conducted by Bros. B. J. Broom and W. M. Grier. First hymn, No. 158, "Awake and Sing the

Song," etc., was sung. Scripture lesson, Mark 1st chapter, was read. Prayer was then offered by Bro. J. M. McKins. Then prayer was offered also by Bro. W. M. Grier.

The President then came forward and announced the house ready for business. The auditor and treasurer made their reports which were received and adopted. (See report.) On motion the reading of letters were wavered two hours later.

Rev. A. Norris, from Gaffney, S. C., was called to say a few words which he did in a most delightful way. His talk was based on educational work. He said many helpful things which we all enjoyed.

The Principal of Western Union Academy, Prof. R. J. Davidson, having arrived, talked to us in a most helpful and interesting way of our educational work.

Committee on New Churches reported. Report received and adopted. (See report.)

On motion Rev. R. J. Davidson, Principal of Western Union Academy was selected to install the officers which he did in a most delightful way. After which a vote of thanks on behalf of the officers was returned by the Secretary, Rev. W. H. Davidson.

Time having arrived for the reading of letters, they were called for and read. Some of the churches did not have the required amount of money. So it was vouched for.

On motion that the remainder of the money or the money vouched for be sent to the Recording Secretary, Rev. W. H. Davidson. A collection to the amount of $1.10 was then lifted by Revs. J. W. Boyce and M. L. Davidson.

Benediction by Rev. R. H. Lineberger.

THURSDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Praise service conducted by Bros. J. J. Hudson and M. A. Conner. First hymn, "I Was a Wandering Sheep," etc. Scripture lesson, Luke 7th chapter, was then read. Prayer was then offered by Bro. J. M. McKins. Second hymn, "Amazing Sight the Saviour Stands," etc. Prayer was then offered by Bro. M. A. Conner. Hymn No. 293, "Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee," was sung; after which Rev. P. Wallace led in prayer.

Then the President came forward and announced the house ready for business.

Time having arrived for the President's address, Rev. R. J. Davidson took the chair.

The President came forward and with a few introductory remarks delivered one of the most instructive and constructive addresses we have ever listened to. We believe the President was at his best; after which Prof. Davidson said many good things in response to this masterful address.

On motion the President's Address was put into the hands of the Committee on Resolutions.

We then were ready for the annual sermon. Rev. J. D. Massey, accompanied by Rev. R. J. Davidson, ascended the rostrum. Rev. J. D. Massey, the speaker for the hour announced for a text, I Samuel 7:37, subject, "Present Confidence Inspired by Past Experience." Rev. Massey preached a soul-stirring sermon. We could but say, did not our hearts burn within us while the man of God expounded to us the Word of God. Prayer was then offered by Rev. R. J. Davidson; after which Bros. G. G. Glenn and H. Stephenson called collection to the amount of $11.80.

Rev. E. A. Stewart then asked for a donation for Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C., to help replace a building which was destroyed by fire June the 11th 1924. The amount of $3.00 was raised; also $2.70 was raised for Bro. White, who has lost his eye sight. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Massey.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Praise service was conducted by Bros. J. S. Reid and D. C. Walker. First hymn, No. 375. Scripture lesson, Mark 7th chapter, was read. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Reid. Second hymn, No. 399. Prayer was then offered by Bro. D. C. Walker; after which hymn No. 449, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," was sung. Then the President announced the house ready for business. On motion the minutes of the previous session were read, received and adopted.

Then the topic, "The Origin of Christianity," was beautifully discussed by Revs. T. M. Barber, M. L. Davidson and others; after which the remainder of letters were called for, received and adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and adopted. (See report.)

Committee on Resolutions reported. Report received and adopted. (See report.)

Quite a number of visitors being present, they were introduced and they said some inspiring and helpful things.

Then Rev. D. C. Barber, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Prof. Crockett, Editor of the Progressive Messenger, called a collection to the amount of $2.55.

Benediction by Rev. R. J. Davidson.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Praise service was conducted by Bros. J. L. Jackson and J. F. Rozzell. First hymn, No. 378, "O For a Heart to Praise My God." Prayer by Bro. J. F. Rozzell. Then we had a spiritual selection led by Rev. William Kerns, "I'm a Soldier in the Army of My Lord." Prayer was then offered by Rev. T. M. Barber.

The President then came forward and announced the house ready for business. All committees were asked to report. Reports were received and adopted. (See reports.)

Time having arrived for the Principal's address, he came forward and in a delightful way delivered his address.

He told of the wonderful progress that had been made by the school; also some of the urgent needs of the school. It was presented in such a way as to make us all feel proud of what had been done and willing to do our bit for the school.

Then Professor Crockett, Editor of the Progressive Messenger, in his usual way, responded to the address. He said a number of helpful things. We have always found in Prof. Crockett a friend and brother, and we are proud of him.

Then Rev. S. N. Davidson, of Monroe, having arrived came forward with a word of cheer.

A collection was then called to the amount of sixty-five cents.

Benediction.

FRIDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Praise service was conducted by Bros. S. J. Graham and J. P. Williams.

Song, "Give Me That Old Time Religion." Scripture lesson, Matt. 19th chapter. First hymn, 492. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Willie Kerns. Hymn 359, "Children of the Heavenly King." Prayer by Rev. J. P. Williams.

The President then came forward and the house was declared ready for business. The remainder of the letters were read.

Time having arrived for the Educational Sermon, Rev. W. M. McCauley being absent, his alternate, Rev. S. N. Davidson, ascended the rostrum, accompanied by Rev. J. J. Anderson, who lined hymn 454, "A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung after which Bro. W. A. Worthy offered prayer.

Second hymn, No. 561, "Spirit of Holy Meekness," etc. Then the speaker of the hour, Rev. S. N. Davidson, announced for his text Matt. 5:2, "And seeing the multitude he went up into a mount and sat down." Text John 2:3, "We know that thou art a teacher come from God."

Subject, "The Great Teacher."

He pointed out (1) that all the teaching of Christ pointed to the salvation of souls. (2) To be taught the right things we must have the right kind of teacher. The man of God preached a great sermon.

Collection. Adjournment.

We adjourned to meet with the Springfield Baptist church, Stanley, N. C., September 1925.

Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P. President.
Rev. W. H. Davidson, D. D., Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

We your committee on Appropriation beg leave to submit the following report:

To President	$20.00
To Vice President	5.00
To Recording Secretary	25.00
To Corresponding Secretary	2.00
To Treasurer	5.00
To Auditor	2.00
To Aged Ministers	10 per ct.
Western Union Academy	100.00
To Sexton	3.00
To State Convention	1.00
To Minutes	40.00
To programs	4.75

Respectfully,

Your Committee.

COMMITTTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

We your committee submit the following:

We find Shady Grove Baptist church, Bessemer City, N. C., asking to join our ranks and sends $2.00.

Respectfully,

Your Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1923.—COLLECTED $341.67.

Disbursements.

President	$ 15.00
Vice President	3.00
Recording Secretary	20.00
Corresponding Secretary	4.00
Treasurer	3.00
Auditor	1.50
Western Union Academy	150.00
Winston Orphanage	10.00
State Convention	8.00
Aged ministers	31.80
Sexton	3.00
Sermons	15.00
For Bills	4.00
R. D. Harris	5.00
Minutes	58.00
Total	$331.90
Balance	$9.77

VOTE OF THANKS.

Whereas: The good pastor and his beloved congregation with the assistance of the sister churches have shown their hospitality in no small degree in making preparation for the care and comfort of this Associational body;

It is recommended that we express our appreciation by a standing vote of thanks.

Also that as we go down from this place of joy and comfort we will pray God's richest blessings upon these people.

Respectfully,

R. J. Davidson.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We your Committee on Education make the following report:

It has been accepted by almost all thinking people of all races that a Christian education is the foundation

upon which all races must build if they expect to advance along the lines of civilization, and

Whereas: We as a race desire to take our rightful place among the other races that are accomplishing great things along the educational line. Be it resolved that this association do go on record as supporting whatever effort is made to place our Institution, Western Union Academy, on a State Educational Basis.

Furthermore, each pastor of this Association should show his loyalty to the school by inspiring his people to do what they can to support the same, with their prayers, students and their monies.

Resolved also that we go on record as favoring a Christian education as far as our commission in all the world.

Respectfully,

Your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

We your Committee on Corresponding Messengers, submit the following:

To the State Convention, Rev. R. D. Harris; to the Woman's Auxiliary, Rev. W. H. Davidson; to the Ebenezer Association, Rev. J. D. Massey.

Respectfully,

Your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Whereas: Strong drink and the use of tobacco in any form is an evil of which Christians should abstain; be it resolved that we put forth every effort to prevent our people from the use of it and also to be temperate in other things and avoid excess, such as eating, drinking, automobile riding, or anything that will injure the Christian life.

Respectfully,

Your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We your Committee on Resolutions beg to make the following report:

Whereas: Western Union Academy claims our attention above all things in fostering the cause of education; be it

Resolved (1) That we give our heartiest support financially.

II. That pastors will urge the parents of their congregations to send their children to Western Union Acad emy thus preparing them to meet the demands of the day.

III. We recommend that a leaf be left blank in the minutes in honor of the deceased.

Respectfully,

Your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL UNION.

Whereas: This year will be the 50th anniversary of our Educational Union;

Resolved: That the Mt. Peace Association set aside one day of the session which will be celebrated at Spindale, N. C., in November, 1924.

Respectfully,

Your Committee,

The Executive Board.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Officers and Messengers of the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association of the W. N. C. and N. S. C., Ladies and Gentlemen; Greeting;

Dear Co-laborers: Another mile post is reached, another year's labor is done and will soon pass into historical reports, showing our policy and plans of the work laid before us in our efforts to spread the Master's kingdom on earth amongst men, by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever Providence has afforded us an opportunity.

Coming back to the place of my boyhood in the ministry, we look with a degree of unmeasured joy and thanksgiving; 1st to God for His grace and wisdom in making me a preacher of the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. 2nd in keeping me mindful that His grace bestowed upon me was not in vain; for I have labored night and day in tears and tribulation, not ceasing to warn the flock over which he made me overseer; in every place holding the doctrine of his coming back again. Many of the older members, who, in the first of this church, (Smithfield), when but a log house by the road of Union County, laughed at it that time. But those who here fought their battle and finished their course, and have gone up to heaven, will not be present in the body, but their immortal spirits hover over us in session here. They are witnesses in heaven that this is a place dedicated to God by their tears and sweat, and with prayers that their followers would see this day.

Our Association and its mission is to co-operate with our

churches throughout its bounds, to employ good ministers, pay them well, help build meeting houses in places where they are needed, to encourage Church purity, peaceful fellowship one with another, co-operate in church revivals and other agencies in the gathering of members after the manner of Pentecost. We further encourage the full practice of the Baptist Principles of democracy; a government by the people. Tell it to the church, the power resides in the local Church. Matt. 18th, "So brethren, let us never depart from the principles of the original custom practiced by the ancient Church.

STATE AND EDUCATIONAL MISSION.

This is the assurance of our co-operation with other Associational bodies to make one State Convention. It sounds too bad to say, and yet it is true, the Baptists of North Carolina are divided worse than in any other state in the Union. I think a week of prayer and union and unity of our ministers, issuing a conscript for them calling us to meet and show the reason why we should not be one family in him and in business. This cause should demand our care. It should in the truest sense be the State's Conventional work to co-operate with us in fostering the W. U. A. But it seems that we are hardest hit by our own State Conventional leaders, who seem to create friction instead of unity. We preach one Lord, one Faith, and that we stand one in the Lord, but if you do not permit certain of them to do your thinking, you are cursed above every other beast of the field. God's word has never failed, and never will. He who makes the Lord his trust shall never be confounded.

Today our W. U. A. stands out, the pride and beauty of the west. The monument of our older men who sacrificed time, money and life that they might see the Baptists of Western North Carolina stand upon the hills of privilege enjoyed by other denominations. Just here suffer a comparison of great men of achievement: the late J. C. Price, Bishop Lomax and others the founders of Livingstone College, who have passed to their rewards, but who are honored by their Connection for what they have done. Look on the other hand, Jones, Ransom, Barnwell, Beam, Ellis, Fox Hunter, laymen, G. Gingles, Hand and others whose names have perished except with us of the educational union. Sound it out to the world to let the new generation know that such men lived and achieved some little things for the Baptists of Western North Carolina. Suppose our rank would stand united as those above named, how long would it be before we could save our boys and girls three years stay at Shaw University? Thereby helping Baptist parents

to save enough time not to depend on other denominations to classify our boys and girls. Study.

HOME MISSION.

We sometimes as ministers of the Gospel of Christ make the mistake by not defining missions to our people. A large majority of our people call church fixing up, home mission, when it is the duty to pay our obligations and to have a suitable place of worship. The next class think that visiting the sick, and helping some who are destitute in the community is home mission work. Not so, my dear hearers; that is just the covenant under which you joined the church; listen, "We shall support a faithful minister, support the poor and help spread the gospel over the earth. As far as our United States and National Societies abound, that is our home mission field.

FOREIGN MISSION.

What are some of the signs that America has been called to a place of leadership in the kingdom? Are there certain principles according to which God selects men and nations for fulfillment of His world purpose? Do these principles and purposes emerge in God's dealing with America? The answer to the questions have a deep missionary significance.

Among the principles which God has evidently applied in choosing his prophets through the ages, the following points are unmistakably clear: 1st, Prophets are strategically located. 2nd, Prophets are chosen because of a certain fitness of character. 3rd, Prophets have resources sufficient for their tasks. 4th, Prophets remain such only so long as they have vision and consecration adequate to their tasks. These principles apply to the outstanding prophetic figures of all time—Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Malachi in the Old Testament; Paul in the New, Luther and Wesley in the modern times. All illustrate the working of these laws. The principles stated above apply to nations as well as to individual men. Israel may be taken as an illustration. Palestine was the crossroad of the world. Her leaders had a message and a spiritual insight unique in their day. They were a people chosen, not for privilege, but for service, and when in supreme test, the nation failed to understand and accept its world wide mission. God was compelled to move westward in his choice for a new prophetic race to bear His message to the world. There is a tradition that Christ died with His face turned westward. Whether this be true or not, we in these western lands with the missionary principle at the center of life, may well be steadied and strengthened by the thought that Christ saw across centuries and civilization, the new people in the west

who were to be called to a prophet's place in His kingdom.

At any rate the westward movement outlined in Acts and later history from Palestine to Europe, to the Anglo-Saxon race and to America, is an unmistakable indication of God's plan. For two thousand years this movement has been gathering momentum for impact on the mighty East. The United States and Canada are standing together solidly in all great religious and missionary movements of our time. In the discussion that follows there is no thought of minimizing Canada's position of leadership. She has vast dimensions and almost unlimited relatent resources. Her response to the call of world wide Missions is inspiring. The national Missionary policy adopted by the Canadian Churches at the conclusion of the national campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in 1909 set a definite goal for the dominion which is much more nearly realized to date than that suggested for the United States by the National Congress in Chicago in 1910. These two great nations are inseparably united in common Missionary purposes.

On both sides of the borders were opened the doors for the Lott-Carey Convention to pass over the great seas to our fatherland, Haiti, Russia and other places where the gospel is needed. Well might we sing, "Two great nations by the sea, Two great nations great and free, One anthem raise, One race of ancient fame, One tongue one faith we claim, One God whose glorious name, We love and praise. Now may the God above, Guard the dear land we love, Both east and west. Let love more fervent glow, As peaceful ages go, And strength yet stronger grow, Blessing we bless."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. We appeal to you pastors to use the penny system for missions.

2nd. The Laymen's Movement for young people.

3rd. We also ask for loyal men to the work of our school, the Western Union Academy.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Missionary Baptist Church of Western North Carolina, having been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to promote the cause of Christ among men, do agree to the following Constitution:

Article I.

This organization shall be known as the Mt. Peace Baptist Association of Western North Carolina.

Article II.

This body shall be composed of Ministers and Delegates of Baptist churches in good and regular standing with the denominations, and in full practice of the faith and doctrines held by the Missionary Baptists. All ministers pastoring churches associated with the Association shall be regarded as members with all privileges.

Article III.

The object of this Association shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among men by preaching the gospel, organizing churches and building meeting houses in needy fields in the bounds of this Association. To do State, Home and Foreign Mission work and to cooperate with the other Baptist organizations in the best plans of labor for the religious and educational development of Western North Carolina, especially the fostering of Western Union Academy.

Article IV.

All visiting ministers belonging to the regular Baptist denomination in good standing may become members by paying 50 cents annually.

Article V.

All aged ministers living in the bounds of the Association formerly pastors in its bounds are members with all privileges.

Article VI.

The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Ordaining Council, and such other committees as may be deemed necessary, all of whom shall be elected annually, hold and discharge the duties of their office until their successors are elected.

Article VII.

This Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of a church as a body.

Article VIII.

If a church becomes disorderly or corrupt, the Association shall through a committee, or otherwise endeavor to restore it to a healthful state; and if necessary shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from it.

Article IX.

Each church shall send annually not more than two delegates and its pastor to the Association.

Article X.

All visiting ministers and corresponding delegates and brethren shall be received by the Moderator extending the hand of welcome and introducing them to the body.

Article XI.

Any new church may become a member of this body by the payment of $2.00 or more when recommended by a committee of new churches.

Article XIII.

Each minister belonging to this Association shall pay annually $1.00 each and delegates 50c each.

Article XIV.

Any church may withdraw from this Association if in good standing by first making known such desire.

Article XV.

The Ordaining Council shall ordain no minister except he has a fair knowledge of the Baptist Directory, Pendleton's Christian Doctrine and the common school branches.

Article XVI.

This Constitution shall be amended by a two-third vote at any meeting of the body.

BY-LAWS.

The deliberations of this body shall be governed by the rules of Parliament as laid down in Hiscox's Church Directory.

Article II.

Each session of this Association shall be opened with devotional services conducted by the Moderator or some one appointed by him.

Article III.

No one shall leave the Association to go home without permission from the body.

Article IV.

All members must use courtesy of speech and obey the rules of decorum as laid down in Hiscox's Directory.

Aritcle V.

All members should be in their seats at the opening of each session. Those failing without a lawful excuse shall be subject to a fine of not less than 5 cents and not more than 10 cents.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS.

STATISTICAL REPORT, MT. PEACE A

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	PASTORS	Preaching Sundays	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Baptism
Smithfield	Bro. J. J. Hudson, R. 27, Matthews, N. C.	T. M. Barber	2, 4	1		7
Mt. Sinai	D. F. Rankin, Box 291, Mt. Holly, N. C.	J. D. Massey	1, 3	1		1
Salem	W. M. Stowe, Mt. Holly, N. C.	W. M. McCaully	2, 4			16
Mt. Hebron	G. W. Gingles, Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.	C. W. Johnson	2, 4		10	
Gold Hill	J. P. Jackson, Stanley, N. C.	J. D. Massey	3, 4		1	3
Mt. Carmel	G. G. Glenn, Charlotte, N. C., Care L. A. Severs.	W. H. Davidson	1, 2, 3, 4	10	1	30
Springfield	W. M. G. Brown, Stanley, N. C.	R. D. Harris	1, 3	2		6
Gethsemane	C. Broom, Charlotte, N. C.	J. J. Anderson	1, 2, 3, 4	1	23	2
Fancy Hill	J. L. Surratte, Worth, N. C.	D. A. Davidson	1, 3	1		
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Grier, Belmont, N. C.	A. G. Giles	2, 4	1	1	10
Chapel Hill	Miss Rena Wheeler, Huntersville, N. C.	P. Wallace	2, 4			17
Mt. Calvary	H. L. Robins, Lowell, N. C.	Rev. Degree	2, 4	3		3
Bethel	Ernest Hall, Mt. Holly, N. C.	J. D. Massey	4			1
Mt. Olive	S. J. Graham, Huntersville, N. C.	W. M. McIntyre	2, 4			6
St. Paul	W. P. Phair, R 6, Box 146, Charlotte, N. C.	T. M. Barber	1, 3	1		10
St. Phillips	A. B. Berry, Huntersville, N. C.	J. O. Russell	1, 3			1
Galilee	W. M. Springs, Charlotte, N. C.	A. J. Hopkins	2, 4	4		1
Mt. Pisgah	J. M. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C. R 3.	S. M. Lowery	2, 4	1	7	1
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Floyd, R 2, Box 40, Clover, S. C.	E. A. Stewart	1, 3	1	2	
Macedonia	W. M. Sanders, Mt. Holly, N. C.	M. L. Davidson	1, 3	2		2
Mt. Moriah	E. S. Leeper, Belmont, N. C.	A. H. Levant	1, 3	2	4	
Shady Grove	Clerk	J. W. Boyce				
Mt. Moriah (Matthews)	Miss Ada Crow, Matthews, N. C.	J. T. Watkins	1, 3	2		
New Providence Church	W. Rankins, P. O., Mt. Holly, N. C.	M. Mackey	2, 4			